

## REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is submitted prior to any Office Action being received on the merits.

The amendment to the specification only deletes the cross reference to related applications, confirming that this application is not a continuation-in-part application, and does not add new matter. A supplemental declaration reflecting this amendment and the current status of this application will be submitted separately.


No additional fees are believed to be required. However, in the event fees are required, please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1078.

The following information is presented in the event that a call may be deemed desirable by the Examiner:

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